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SUBJECT:KHMER AND KOREAN ISSUES AT UN

1. DURING STOPOVER IN WASHINGTON AFTER UN SESSION FONOFF UN BUREAU COUNSELOR MURAKAMI, ACCOMPANIED BY KURIYUMA AND KUBOTA OF JAPANESE EMBASSY, CALLED SEPERATELY UPON DEP ASSIST SECS MILLER AND GLEYSTEN ON DECEMBER 19, BOTH CONVERSATIONS BEGAN WITH WARM AND MUTUAL EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION FOR CLOSE COOPERATION ON KHMER AND KOREAN ITEMS AT UNGA.

2. KHMER ISSUE: MURAKAMI SAID KHMER DEBATE ILLUSTRATED ASEAN COUNTRIES' ABILITY TO USE APPEAL FOR PEACE TALKS TO GARNER VOTES AMONGST NON-ALIGNED. BOTH FOR SAKE OF PEACE IN CAMBODIA AND TO SOLIDITY SUPPORT ON KHMER ISSUE IN 30TH UNGA, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT SOME CONCRETE STEPS BE TAKEN TO PROMOTE NEGOTIATIONS, EITHER BY MAJOR
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POWERS, ASEAN STATES, UNSYG OR OTHERS. MILLER SAID US

SINCERELY INTERESTED IN EARLY CAMBODIAN SETTLEMENT AND WISHES TO AVOID REPEA OF KHMER DEBATE. US IS NOW CAREFULLY STUDYING ALL APPROACHES INCLUDING THOSE KURAKAMI MENTIONED. AS GOJ RECOGNIZED, KEY QUESTION WAS HOW TO INTEREST GRUNK IN NEGOTIATIONS. MILLER EMPHASIZED THAT AS SOON AS STUDY COMPLETED US WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH GOJ. HE ASKED IF MURAKAMI HAD ANY SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS.

3. MENTIONING FONOFF 1SE SEA DIVISION CHIEF HANABUSA'S TRIP TO ASEAN COUNTRIES, MURAKAMI SAID THAT SOME ACTION BY ASEAN COUNTRIES, WHO ARE NOW BOUYED UP BY THEIR SUCCESS AT UNGA, WAS ONE POSSIBILITY. HE WAS ALSO IMPRESSED BY BAROODY'S ROLE IN KHMER DEBATE AND WONDERED ALOUD WHETHER NON-ALIGNEDS MIGHT NOT SOMEHOW BE ENGAGED. MURAKAMI SAID JAPAN HAD NOT YET CONTACTED UNSYG, AS HE PROBABLY HAD NOT FORMULATED HIS OWN VIEWS YET. MILLER ENDED CONVERSATION BY REITERATING OUR INTENTION TO BE BACK

IN TOUCH AS SOON AS US STUDY COMPLETED.

4. KOREAN ITEM: MURAKAMI REITERATED GOJ HOPE TO AVOID KOREAN DEBATES AT UN. HE SAID THAT THERE WAS WIDESPREAD FEELING, PARTICULARLY AMONG NEWLY-INDEPENDENT, NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES, THAT IT WAS INAPPROPRIATE FOR UN TO REMAIN INVOLVED IN KOREA 20 YEARS AFTER WAR AND THAT, THEREFORE, SUPPORT FOR HOSTILE RESOLUTION WOULD INCREASE. HOWEVER, OPPOSITION TO US FORCES PER SE WAS NOT SO STRONG. SEVEN NEW STATES WOULD BE JOINING UN AND THEIR VOTES WOULD GO TO OPPOSITION. AGREEING, GLEYSTEN SAID THAT KEY QUESTION WAS HOW TO RESOLVE UNC/ARMISTICE ISSUE THUS OBVIATING NEED FOR DEBATE ON UN ROLE. HOPES THAT PEKING AND PYONGYANG WOULD BE FLEXIBLE ON UNC ISSUE HAD NOT BEEN REALIZED.

5. MURAKAMI ASKED WHETHER TWO-THIRDS RULE SHOULD BE ADOPTED ON KOREAN ITEM AT UN. GLEYSTEN REPLIED THAT STRICTLY SPEAKING HE BELIEVED TWO-THIRDS RULE SHOULD APPLY. BUT ITS USE HAD CERTAIN DRAWBACKS AS IT WOULD BE SEEN AS PURELY DEFENSIVE TACTIC AND CREATE A NEGATIVE IMPRESSION OF FRIENDLY COUNTRIES' APPROACH TO ISSUE. MURAKAMI ASKED

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WHETHER US WOULD BE WILLING TO APPROACH PYONGYANG DIRECTLY ON UNC ISSUE. GLEYSTEN REPLIED THAT SUCH CONTACTS MIGHT OR MIGHT NOT HELP UN SITUATION BUT WOULD BE CERTAIN TO DISTURB SEOUL.

6. GLEYSTEN SAID US WOULD CONTINUE TO URGE ON PEKING AND MOSCOW THE DESIRABILITY OF AVOIDING ANOTHER STERILE DEBATE ON KOREA, BUT WAS NOT HOPEFUL. AS PYONGYANG

REMAINS INFLEXIBLE ON UNC ARMISTICE ISSUE, IT WOULD BE
NECESSARY TO STUDY WHAT UNILATERAL STEPS MIGHT BE TAKEN TO
REDUCE UN'S VISIBILITY IN KOREA.

7. MURAKAMI ASKED ABOUT RELATIONSHIP OF US TROOPS TO UNC,
AND GLEYSTEN REPLIED THAT DEPARTMENT WAS PREPARING RE-
SPONSE TO QUESTIONS POSED BY FONOFF (TOKYO 16365). KISSINGER

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